

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

"Lord, help me."



Divine Service Four Worship Service

Thursday, August 13, 2026 @ 7PM

Sunday, August 16, 2026 @ 8AM & 10:45AM

4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127

Sunday Services @ 8AM & 10:45AM

Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM

Thursday Evening Service at 7PM

Christian Day School: PreK – 8th Grade

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

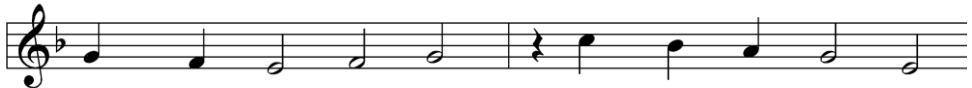
If the Canaanite woman could bring about a turning in Jesus himself, what stones we are if she does not convert us too. “O woman, great is your faith!” he exclaims – this after he has characterized her as one of the “dogs.” He might almost have said, O Woman, you are faith. Faith with a steadfast heart, a dead-end job and a sick kid. Maybe the time has come to put stained-glass images of the Canaanite woman in our churches. Then if some child should ever point to a crucifix and ask, “Who is that?” we can point to the window and answer, “Find her, and she will tell you.” (Garret Keizer, *Feed My Dogs*, p. 741)

Opening Hymn

“When in the Hour of Deepest Need” Hymn 615



1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not
 2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
 3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's
 4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our



where to look for aid; When days and nights of
 meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -
 woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face; 6 So we with all our hearts each day
 Absolve us through Your boundless grace. To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
 Be with us in our anguish still; Then walk obedient to Your Word,
 Free us at last from ev'ry ill. And now and ever praise You, Lord.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Invocation

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28.19b; [18:20]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalms 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Luke 18:13

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His Sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit (Thursday - Spoken)



- P** The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.
- C** To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.
- P** Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.
- C** Blessèd | be the Lord!*
for he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.
- P** The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

Ps. 28:1-3, 6-7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8

Kyrie



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

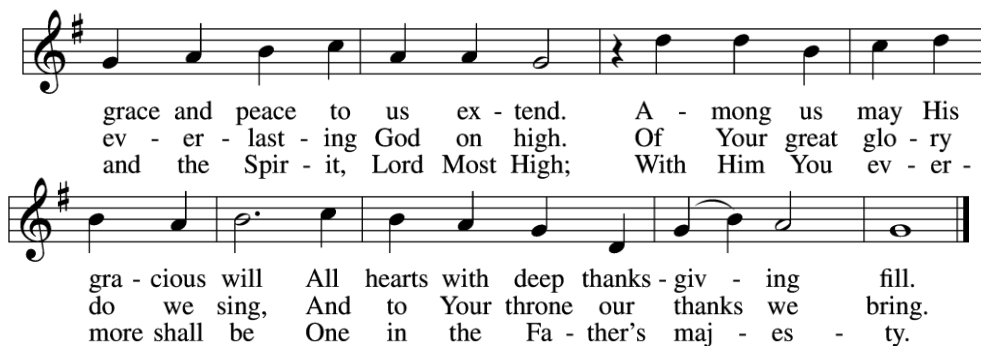
"All Glory Be to God Alone" (stanzas 1, 2, 5)..... Hymn 948



- 1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



- high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
 and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -
 gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
 more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

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Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Sit

Reading from the Book of Concord

An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans

*The Formula of Concord, The Epitome
 Article XI. God's Eternal Foreknowledge and Election, 8*

Christ calls all sinners to Himself and promises them rest. He is eager that all people should come to Him and allow themselves to be helped. He offers them Himself in His Word and wants them to hear it and not to plug their ears or neglect and despise the Word. Furthermore, He promises the power and working of the Holy Spirit and divine assistance for perseverance and eternal salvation so that we may remain steadfast in the faith and gain eternal salvation.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C **for those who fear him lack nothing!**

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C **but the LORD delivers him out of them all**

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

Epistle Lesson

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the

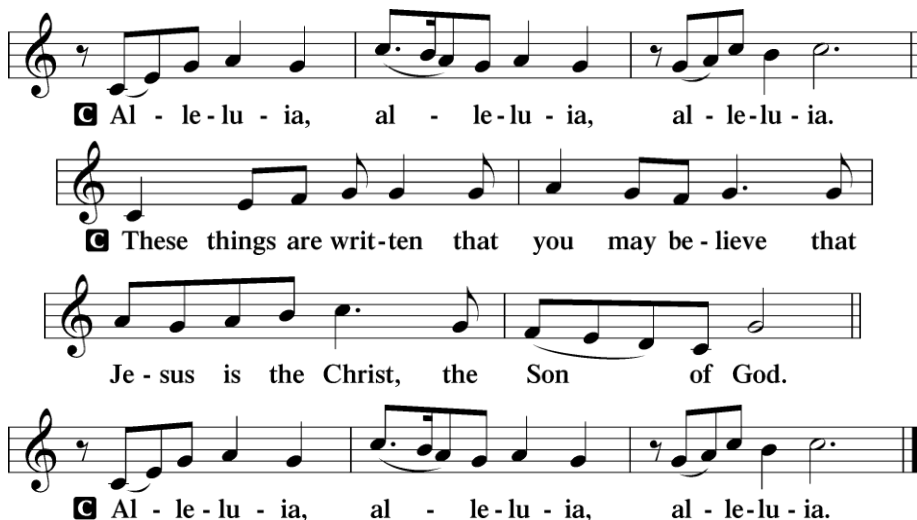
mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

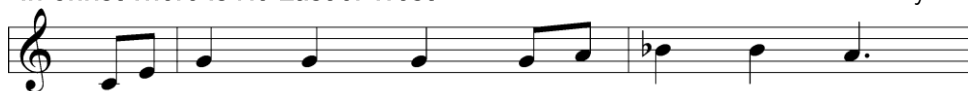
C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit



1 In Christ there is no east or west,
 2 With God there is no tribe or race;
 3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise His name
 4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith,
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
 In Him we all are one. He loves us as His
 Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,
 What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther
 In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.
 hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!
 as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

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Sermon "Crumbs." Matthew 15:21-28

Stand

Apostles' Creed

☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

*There will be no passing of the offering plates.
Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.
Scan the QR code to set-up automatic giving.*



Prayer of the Church | *You may be seated if necessary*

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

"Church of God, Elect and Glorious" Hymn 646



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
 His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied; And all find fresh
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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USHERS (10:45AM)	Dale Zombory, Phil Cole

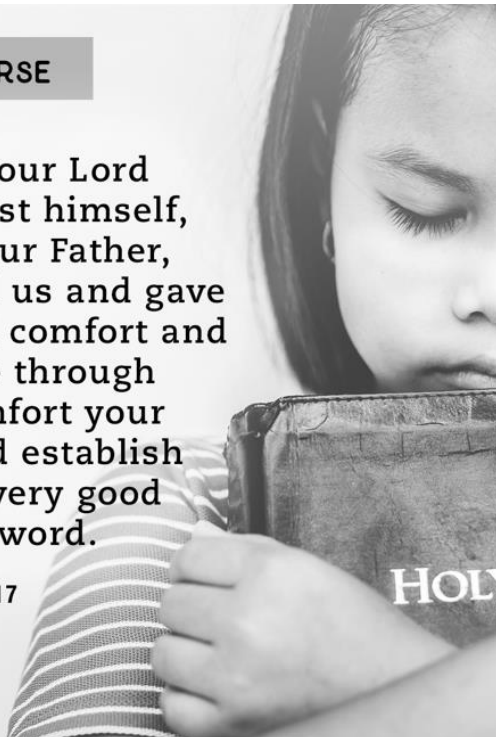
Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

MEMORY VERSE

Now may our Lord
Jesus Christ himself,
and God our Father,
who loved us and gave
us eternal comfort and
good hope through
grace, comfort your
hearts and establish
them in every good
work and word.

2 THESS. 2:16-17



Prayers

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Amee Mantei	Dave Knuth	Joseph Klupp
Andrea Nystuen	Dave Sellke	Klaus Nixdorf
Barbara Maul	Eleanor Hoge	Linda Drews
Barb Rodgers	Eldon Keehn	Norma Priebe
Carol Bonczkowski	Faith Timm	Pat Hutter
Carol Matheny	Ferny Rantz	Ralph Dinges
Cindy White	Ginny Drews	Ted Froehlich
Connie Schwanger	Jean Keehn	Wilma Malinasky
Dan Knuth		

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Addie Horstman - sister of Mary Spaulding	Joe Lhotka - Judy Jackemeyer's grandson
Allee Bauer - granddaughter of Keith & Debbie Yeske	Judy Ahliquist - sister of Dave Geyer
Austin Arndt - grandson of Linda Steinke	Julianna Radut - girlfriend of Jeremiah Szoke
Barb Lange - friend of Thelma Szoke	Karol Syring - daughter of Ken Vieregge
Barbara Alberg - friend of Joann Ciboch	Lissa Dehring - niece of Joyce Totzke
Braxton Bejes - nephew of Joann Ciboch	Matt Jones - friend of Chad Hartman
Chris Watson - son of Tom & Marie Watson	Melvin Machemer – son of Ellen Machemer
Christian Myers - son of friend of Thelma Szoke	Mike Szoke – nephew of Thelma Szoke
Erin Sage - friend of Thelma Szoke	Nancy Gerald – daughter of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky
Ethan White - friend of Elliot Measel	Phil Oberhaus - brother of Susan Jackemeyer
Grant Plath - friend of Joann Ciboch	Reece Clark - grandson of Walt & Diane Clark
Heidi Bowie - daughter of Irene Klupp	Robert Laird - son-in-law of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky
Jenny, Micah & Elijah Krupp – daughter & grandsons of Mike & Susan Jackemeyer	Ron Szweda – brother of Kathryn Robinson
Joe Lhotka - Judy Jackemeyer's grandson	Tamara Metz – sister-in-law of Dennis & Lyla Metz

Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country, including **Allison Blake, James Vieregge USMC, Joseph Schafer** – nephew of Pastor Quardokus, **Ethan Rieck** – nephew of David & Laura Geyer.

Zebulon Pappenfuss – husband of Sarah [Jackemeyer] Pappenfuss
Raven & Rachel Strefling - nephew (& wife) of Amy Strefling-Gorske
 Seminarian **Matthew Machemer** – grandson of Ellen Machemer.

Missionaries

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey & Deaconess Gina Teeple in Germany
 and Rev. Jason & Emily Groth in Belize.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Joann Ciboch	Cochran Family
Walt & Diane Clark	Randy Coder
Erin Clark Family	Phil & Amy Cole Family

Church News!

We come together to "call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised" (Psalm 18:3, ESV). All are sincerely welcomed to this service of worship and praise. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book located on the welcome center desk.

FLOWER CHART – Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers (\$40) using the Flower Chart located in the church commons. The bouquets are later delivered to shut-in members or individuals on our prayer list.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP – Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. Consider sponsoring a broadcast for \$150.00 to share with a family member or friend. Be sure to sign-up in order to secure a specific date! Our *Local Lutheran Worship Service Broadcasts* are now on **WSJM 94.9 FM** on **Sunday mornings from 8AM – 9AM**. The services can also be heard by visiting www.wsjmsports.com and clicking on *listen live*.

Radio Broadcast

Our service was recorded last Sunday and will air today.

This broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God,

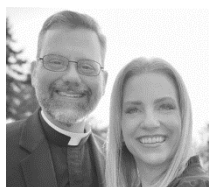
In loving memory of Margaret Gerber.

Given by Loren Gerber.



THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey (Ft. Wayne, IN) and Deaconess Gina (Grand Haven, MI) Teeple serve the Lord through the LCMS as missionaries in Germany. Jeffrey serves as a missionary pastor to Trinity Lutheran Church in Frankfurt. Trinity is an English-speaking congregation that serves expat families from around the world. As communications project manager, Gina works with the Eurasia communication specialist, missionaries and LCMS Communications to support projects in the region and facilitate communication to supporters and donors. During his free time, Jeff enjoys reading, fishing and spending time with his family. After becoming a deaconess, Gina served at CTSFW; Peace, Fremont; and as director of development and ministry relations at Worship Anew, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization in Fort Wayne. She was also a stay-at-home mother to their two children, Lauren and Elliot. Only Elliot has accompanied them to the mission field. Pray for Jeffrey and Gina as they serve in Frankfurt, Germany by asking God to give them comfort, strength and guidance as they transition to a new location, language and culture. In addition, ask God to bless them and their congregation, that they may proclaim boldly God's love for all they meet. Let us give thanks that Jeffrey and Gina are serving His people in this part of the world.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS REMINDER – Both Tuesday & Wednesday bible classes have wrapped up for the summer! Classes will resume after Labor Day.

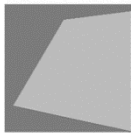
BERRIEN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR — We have a booth for LCMS Lutherans at the commercial building. We have received a mission grant from the Michigan District LCMS to purchase Bibles and tracts to distribute. There will be a game and prizes for children. A video will display images of our ten local LCMS churches. You are invited to work in our booth for a two-hour shift any day from Monday to Saturday. You can sign up at trinityberrien.org or call 269-473-1811 to volunteer. It's a great way to witness to our faith and help our churches reach people for Jesus.

SUMMER GIVING - God gives us the blessing of being able to work, earn, save, spend, and accumulate wealth. We do this for our children. We do this for our community. We do this for ourselves. But we also do it to honor God as faithful stewards. Thank you for your continued offerings this summer!

DO YOU HAVE EXTRA PILL BOTTLES?! – Ladies League is gathering clean label free pill bottles for *Matthew 25 Ministries* with a final drop off deadline of the 2026 LWML Fall Rally in the box under the church mailboxes. For more information on this campaign please visit www.m25m.org/pillbottles.

CHRIST LUTHERAN'S SOCIAL MEDIA – Do you have an event you want Christ Lutheran to promote on our Facebook page or our Instagram? Please feel free to email marketing@christstevensville.com with your event (garage sale, etc.) details. Thank you!

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CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

<i>*Week of 08/09/26 total budgeted receipts</i>	\$10,693.00
<i>YTD Contributions</i>	\$63,250.00
<i>YTD Budget</i>	\$86,538.46
<i>YTD Over Under</i>	\$-23,288.46
<i>Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials</i>	\$17,307.69
<i>Over Under</i>	\$-6,614.69



Sunday, August 16 <i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Worship Service Bible Class Worship Service
Monday, August 17		
Tues, August 18		
Wed, August 19		
Thursday, August 20	10AM 7PM	Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Friday, August 21		
Saturday, August 22		
Sunday, August 23 <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service



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